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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 8th June 1860.

No. 95. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 21st May 1860, No. 1,892 :—

Sanctioning the payment of two Bills from the Collector of Tanjore amounting to Rupees 2,060 being batta for Carts detained on account of the 15th and 39th Regiments expected from Burmah.

(Vide Military Proceedings 21st May 1860, Nos. 49-50.)

No. 96. ORDER THEREON, 8th June 1860, No. 951.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for information.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter :—

From the Acting Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 14th May 1860, *No.* 160; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

I have the honor, in compliance with the orders of the 11th ultimo, No. 1360, to afford the following information asked in paras. 5 and 6 of the order.

2. The Collectors of Salem and Tanjore were the only two authorities whom I had reason to suppose, had a charge for batta unadjusted—I therefore addressed each—from the first I have received no reply, though my letter was dated 21st ultimo—I therefore conclude from that, as well as from correspondence I had previously with him, that he has no claim for batta to prefer, and that the detention of Carts for the 6th N. I. cost Government nothing.

3. The Collector of Tanjore has forwarded the enclosed two Contingent bills, amounting to Rupees 2,060 for Carts detained for what were intended for the 15th and 39th Regiments successively, not at one time, as the dates show—but neither of these Regiments has yet arrived from Burmah, though long expected, and under orders—one of them was expected by the "*Governor Higginson*" towing the "*Defiance,*" but the Officer Commanding the Pegu Division, preferred, and His Excellency considers wisely, to send back to the coast instead, a large body of discharged men and sick—these landed at Madras on the 24th March—soon after, hearing that the Railway works would employ the Carts detained for the Regiment at Negapatam, I addressed the Officer Commanding the Division, and thus it appears that after the 15th ultimo, no Carts are charged for.

4. My letter to Government dated 16th ultimo, No. 120, will have placed Government in possession of the circumstances connected with Sea Reliefs this season, and I need not therefore repeat them here.

5. But His Excellency would observe, in regard to the latter part of my letter regarding the detention of Troops being more expensive than detention of Carriage, that the present case supplies an illustration.

The vessels before spoken of, brought back among others, upwards of 300 discharged men, and about 100 sick Sepoys—they embarked on the 17th March, and since they arrived there has been no vessel with Troops that has reached this coast, Government would therefore have had to disburse the pay of these 300 discharged men, for nearly two months (supposing they arrived now) upwards of 5,000 Rupees, had they not come when they did, to say nothing of heir-pensions to any of the sick who might have died for want of passage in that interval.

These charges are authorized and therefore do not come before Government, but batta for Carts being an extraordinary charge comes before Government, and has often the *appearance* of being an extra charge, when in point of fact, as in this instance, the course adopted saved the expenditure of a much larger sum.

6. In regard to the reason, why Carts were collected for the 6th N. I. so far back as the commencement of February when the Corps had only now (April) reached the coast, the cause is easy of explanation—at least a month's notice has to be given, when practicable, for the collection of Carts, I did so, and not the Corps, because being absent it could not, the Corps being then fully expected to arrive in February,—other events intervened, which took away the vessels intended for the 6th N. I.—other Sea arrangements were then made for the 6th N. I., of which the Collector was informed to guide him in respect to Carts—these failed for the same reason—the same may be said of every Corps that has arrived from Burmah, and which has yet to arrive from Burmah this year.

As these charges for batta viz., that for 1,216-12 in order No. 1289, and that for 2,060 have been incurred in consequence of the Chinese expedition having deprived Government of the tonnage intended for Burmah, His Excellency thinks, that they should be placed to the debit of the Imperial Government.

ORDER, No. 1892, 21*st May* 1860.

No. 131 *Rs.* (1,050-0-0) *One thousand and fifty.*
,, 132 ,, (1,010-0-0) *One thousand and ten.*

The Governor in Council sanctions the payment of the bills as per margin, submitted with the foregoing letter.

2. His Honor however does not consider that the above charges can properly be debited to the China Expedition as proposed in the concluding para. of the Quarter Master General's letter.

(True Extract.)

Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
,, Military Auditor General, with 2 bills.
,, Accountant General.
,, Revenue Department, for information. With 3 spare Copies.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

20th April/60 No. 96 & 97

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Sanctioning the payment of 2 Bills from the Collector of Tanjore amounting to Rs. 2060 being batta for Carts detained on account of the 15th & 39th Regts expected from Burmah

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Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for information.

H Maxwell

Fort St. Geo:
8th June 1860.

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